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ICE killers hit with MINNEAPOLIS STRIKE!

By Martha Grevatt

The workers, youth and communities of Minneapolis shut the city down Jan. 23. What's more, this was no ordinary economic strike. The shutdown — no work, no school, no shopping — was a political response to the terrorist thugs of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) who invaded Minneapolis under the orders of President Donald Trump in early December and who killed Renee Good on Jan. 7.

This powerful political strike brought 50,000 people into the streets — on a workday and in subzero temperatures! The historic action had the official backing of many unions in Minneapolis. Pro-immigrant clergy shut down the city's airport.

This marks a big step forward in the class struggle. It takes place a few months before the 20th anniversary of May Day 2006, a historic strike which brought out 10 million immigrants and defeated the xenophobic Sensenbrenner Bill in Congress. But this time workers of every nationality, gender, age and immigration status marched together.

Solidarity actions took place around the U.S. in hundreds of cities. While "ICE out!" was the official slogan of many protests, "Abolish ICE!" signs and leaflets were well-received.

Unmoved, ICE agents murdered another immigrant rights activist in Minneapolis on Jan. 24 — Alex Pretti, a 37-year-old intensive care unit nurse who worked at the Veterans Administration and was a member of American Federation of Government Employees. This execution led to spontaneous actions on the same day in Minneapolis and across the country despite below freezing conditions.

Protests against ICE are continuing on a daily basis.

More on protests against ICE: workers.org/?p=90441

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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Trump at Davos

War threats and racist rants

WW COMMENTARY

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While U.S. President Donald Trump's over an hour-long rambling rant at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 21 provided ample fodder for late-night talk show hosts' comedic content, Trump's fascistic, fact-free speech was no laughing matter.

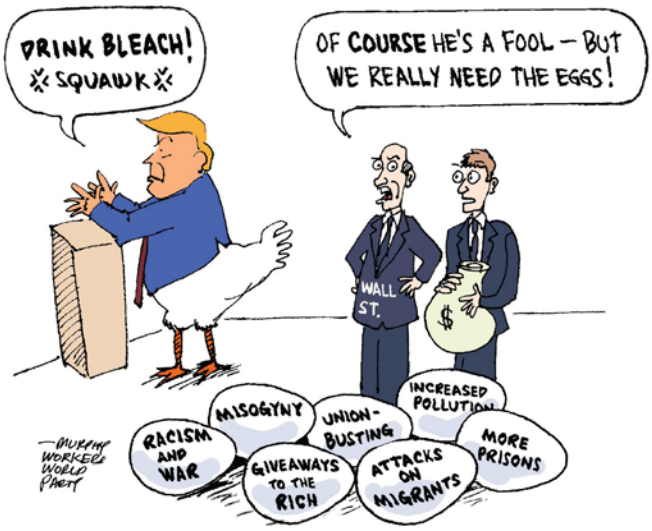
Trump's retreat from his latest tariff threats on European allies opposing the U.S. takeover of Greenland led to initial relief for some imperialist U.S. allies, until he quickly followed up with threats of a possible U.S. pullback from the 76-year-old North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and directed pointed attacks at the leaders of Denmark, France and Canada.

Referring to Greenland as Iceland multiple times, Trump boldly announced that he reached a deal with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte over the U.S. taking control over the island nation, known as Kalaallit Nunaat to its 89% majority Indigenous population. While claiming there was an agreement reached on the expansion of U.S. military bases and access to mineral rights there, Trump's problem is that NATO has no authority to make any economic agreement concerning Greenland.

Trump's Davos remarks appeared to be a declaration of U.S. hegemony not just over the Western Hemisphere, but beyond. They marked an abandonment of U.S. support for its imperialist allies in the European Union and Canada, warning that countries refusing U.S. demands would be "remembered." Trump repeatedly referenced the U.S. military attack on Venezuela and the kidnapping of its President Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores on Jan. 3 as an example of what the U.S. would do if countries didn't go along.

His vitriolic verbiage left many in the audience, composed of leading global business and political figures and global bankers, sitting in stunned silence.

What Trump said at Davos does not bear repeating, but some statements clearly stood out – mostly for exposing how divorced from reality Trump truly is. His rants were a fact-checker's nightmare.



Trump repeatedly bragged about "improvements" he had made to the U.S. economy in just 12 months since taking office in January 2025. He claimed that "car plants are moving back to the U.S. ... Japan's coming in and building plants here ... they're coming from China ... More [car] plants that we've ever had built, even in the heyday from the 1940s and 1950s." (Transcript from the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Jan. 21)

The reality is that while some major, long-term construction plans for new auto factories in the U.S. are in the works, their focus has been on opening up massive electronic vehicle battery facilities by expanding existing sites. If there is any factory expansion going on in the U.S., it involves expanding artificial intelligence facilities.

Trump claimed that in 2025 he reduced inflation, lowered prices, and raised the income level of U.S. workers. Saying he "lifted more than 1.2 million people off of food stamps," Trump neglected to acknowledge that "lift" was due to eligibility restrictions in his 'Big Bad Budget' bill, which pushed people off the SNAP program.

Fortune.com reported that while Fortune 500 corporate companies made record profits of $1.87 trillion in 2024, U.S. workers' share of the country's economic output decreased to its lowest levels since the Bureau of Labor Standards started recording this data in 1947. (Jan. 13)

One of Trump's strangest divergent rants was to suggest that if prescription drug prices in France would double or triple, then the cost for these drugs in the U.S. would drop by 90%, "you could also say 800%." While offering no explanation of how drug prices in the U.S. and France were connected, he threatened a 100% tariff on French wines and champagnes if France's President Emmanuel Macron didn't agree to take this step. (WEF, Jan. 21)

While most of the imperialist delegates withheld applause from Trump, noticeably none of them walked out in protest of his promotion of the fascistic Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) occupation of U.S. cities, most prominently Minneapolis, where thousands of workers of color have been rounded up for detention, and to date three U.S. citizens have been killed.

Nor did they challenge his racist rants blaming immigrants for economic problems in Europe and his attacks on Somali immigrants in Minneapolis who have been primary ICE targets. Not one of the bosses, bankers or imperialist economists and politicians at Davos challenged or even criticized Trump's white supremacist remarks. ☐

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What unites Palestine and Minneapolis

During the January 23 protest at Union Square in New York City, Workers World Party displayed placards saying: "Stop the Occupation from Minneapolis to Palestine!" This message was not intended to equate the almost 78-year-old apartheid, Zionist military control over an entire people to the current invasion of Minneapolis by 3,000 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) storm troopers. Occupations of any nature should not be presented as the same.

New York City protest, Jan. 23, 2026 WW PHOTO: JOHN CATALINOTTO

The slogan aimed to illustrate that despite being geographically thousands of miles apart, Palestine and Minneapolis face a common enemy with no borders — and that enemy is U.S. imperialism.

It is imperialism — a worldwide system of capitalism — that backs and sustains the settler-colonial, Israeli genocide to terrorize the Palestinian people, especially in Gaza and the West Bank. And it is this same system under which ICE thugs in Minneapolis have terrorized migrant communities, especially Somalis, since early December. Lest we forget, six years ago, Minneapolis was the epicenter of the struggle against police brutality when the video of George Floyd's lynching ignited a spontaneous rebellion.

It is not surprising that there is a direct connection between the training of the Israeli Defense Force (aka Israeli Occupation Force/IOF) and police departments and federal repressive forces across the U.S., including ICE. According to accuracy.org: "Thousands of law enforcement officials have traveled to Israel to learn new repression strategies and surveillance techniques from the Israel National Police, Israel Defense Forces, and the Shin Bet, who inflict violence, crowd control, and surveillance onto Palestinians. ... Police departments in New York, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Atlanta, among others, have close ties with Israeli forces." (June 10, 2025)

ICE is a creation of the federal government's Department of Homeland Security. Similar to the U.S. Border Patrol, ICE is given free rein to indiscriminately detain, deport and brutalize anyone they deem "illegal" using the biased criteria of how they look and how they speak.

These storm troopers have been given a legal license to break into people's homes when and wherever they want without any warrants, a clear violation of the Fourth Amendment that supposedly protects individual residences and to a lesser extent public spaces like schools and businesses from "unreasonable searches and seizures" without warrants.

And as we have tragically witnessed with the murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, ICE and the Border Control have the green light to kill with impunity anyone who expresses any inkling of class solidarity with their migrant neighbors. None of the officers responsible for the executions of these two anti-ICE monitors have been arrested or prosecuted.

Resistance on many fronts

Since Oct. 7, 2023, the Palestinian Resistance has been in the forefront of inspiring millions of people around the world to confront the Nazi-like state of Israel and its U.S. backers with mass protests, boycotts and direct actions organized by students and workers. This Resistance continues to survive despite being demonized as "terrorist" and targeted with the assassination of its leaders by imperialist war criminals Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu.

And there is a direct parallel from what is happening in Palestine to Minneapolis when Kristi Noem, the head of Homeland Security, falsely labels Good and Pretti "domestic terrorists" to justify their murders.

Police occupations of communities of color have been ongoing within class society divided into the haves and have nots; the oppressed versus the oppressor. The Floyd murder is a reflection of this antagonistic relationship. But ICE adds another extra-legal, terrorist dimension of capitalist violence. That is fascist terror which openly threatens the destruction of the bourgeois democratic rights of the workers and oppressed.

The existence of both ICE and the IOF reflects the growing, permanent instability of the capitalist economic system. The only response to ending this repression and the system that thrives on it is a united revolutionary, militant and working-class movement at home and abroad. ☐

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La Junta de Genocidio de Trump

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editorial

En noviembre de 2025, el Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas votó a favor de una propuesta, presentada por el presidente Donald Trump, para establecer una «Junta de Paz» que gobernara Palestina. La propuesta se aprobó con 13 votos a favor y dos abstenciones, las de China y Rusia.

En ese momento, Hamás, la principal organización palestina en Gaza, denunció la propuesta diciendo: «Asignar a la fuerza internacional tareas y funciones dentro de la Franja de Gaza, incluido el desarme de la resistencia, la despoja de su neutralidad y la convierte en parte del conflicto a favor de la ocupación.

«La resolución impone un mecanismo de tutela internacional sobre la Franja de Gaza, que nuestro pueblo y sus facciones rechazan. También impone un mecanismo para lograr los objetivos de la ocupación, que no logró alcanzar mediante su brutal genocidio». (thecradle.co, 18 de noviembre de 2025)

Ahora que Trump ha comenzado a nombrar a las personas que formarán parte de la Junta, está claro que Hamás decía la verdad.

La Junta de la Casa Blanca incluye al ex primer ministro británico Tony Blair, quien, junto con el expresidente estadounidense George W. Bush, llevó a cabo la guerra genocida contra Irak en 2003. También han sido nombrados el despreciable y derechista actual secretario de Estado estadounidense Marco Rubio, y el yerno de Trump, Jared Kushner, y el presidente del Banco Mundial, Ajay Banga, y algunas otras personas con «credenciales» similares como criminales de guerra imperialistas.

Hablando de criminales de guerra, a la cabeza se encuentra Trump, que se ha nombrado a sí mismo presidente de la Junta.

¡No se ha nombrado a ningún palestino!

Aunque los diversos grupos de resistencia palestinos, incluido Hamás, han rechazado este plan neocolonial para Gaza, Hamás ha declarado que está «totalmente dispuesto a ceder la administración de la Franja de Gaza a un comité tecnocrático independiente y a facilitar su trabajo» (Resistance News Network Mirror, 14 de enero).

Este comité tecnocrático se acordó como parte del acuerdo de alto el fuego entre la resistencia palestina y el gobierno de ocupación sionista. El falso y mal llamado «Consejo de Paz» de Trump no lo fue.

A pesar de la votación del Consejo de Seguridad, no hay garantía de que este Consejo reaccionario tenga éxito en desarmar a la resistencia. La bravuconería imperialista de Trump no se traduce automáticamente en el control absoluto de la situación por parte de Estados Unidos. Esto es tan cierto en Palestina como en Venezuela, que sigue bajo un gobierno revolucionario a pesar de las afirmaciones de Trump de que «nosotros gobernaremos el país» (reuters.com, 3 de enero).

¡Desde el río hasta el mar, Palestina será libre! ☐

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Manifestación en la Ciudad de México el 10 de enero de 2026. La solidaridad con la Venezuela bolivariana va en aumento en América Latina, al igual que el sentimiento antiimperialista.

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